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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tetsuya NISHI et al.

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For: POLARIZATION CONTROL OPTICAL SPACE SWITCH

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on April 29, 2002. A Continued Prosecution Application with a Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 29, 2002. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed, with a one-month extension of time, by May 29, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 26, 32, 33, 35, 36, and 38 in accordance with the following:

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26. (AS TWICE AMENDED) A polarization control optical space switch according to claim 23, wherein said first element to change the optical path of light from said polarization controller and the second element to change the optical path of light from said delay plate only change the optical path of s-polarized light.

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32. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A polarization control optical space switch comprising:
a plurality of polarization control optical switches connected together between a plurality

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